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Reflecting on a banner year

Hawaii Marine Staff

MCB Hawaii Public Affairs

This week the Hawaii Marine looks back at 2002, taking notice of the people and events that shaped the character of MCB Hawaii, its tenant organizations, reserve units and their personnel.

While we are not able to include all of the events and images captured last year, here are a few moments that punctuated the year that was 2002.

Readers can browse the Hawaii Marine archives to review detailed stories at www.mcbh.usmc.mil.

MCB Hawaii

2002 was both a hectic and productive year aboard MCB Hawaii as many long-term projects came to fruition and the operational tempo remained high in the post 9/11 world.

Phrases like Quick Reaction Force and Joint Rear Area Coordination became commonplace in 2002 as the base untied maile lei's that dedicated new barracks, housing units, a Temporary Lodging Facility, club renovations, and the Pacific War Memorial, just to name a few.

Each new quality of life and quality of service enhancement represented years of planning and work by base staff, Headquarters Marine Corps planners, and supportive elected officials in Hawaii.

One of the most significant improvements was the Pa Honua housing area. The project replaced 184 homes for junior enlisted families living on base.

Also, a junior enlisted barracks facility consisting of three buildings with 150,

two-man rooms that now house 300 Marines from various units aboard base, was also christened in the past year; a year that also featured the dedication of the Lt.Gen. Alpha L. Bowser Building at

the renovated Temporary Lodging Facility.

The Cable News Network provided coverage of the dedication ceremony for the Pacific War Memorial. This five-year

project was the vision of Ms. Alice Clark and the rest of the Pacific War Memorial Foundation.

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SecNav approves stop-loss/stop-move for Marines

Staff Sgt. Robert Carlson

Press Chief

The Secretary of the Navy approved a stop loss, stop move order Tuesday that prevents Marines from separating and in some cases from retiring from service and cancels permanent change of station orders for those expecting to move.

Stop - loss involuntarily extends the end of active service, end of current contract, or end of service date for all active and reserve Marine Corps personnel, and stop-move policies prevent Marines

and their families from executing change of station moves.

Both procedures were implemented and explained in Marine Administrative Message 007/03, and the new message canceled previous MARADMINS which applied stop loss to Marines in the C-130 occupation specialty, those who served as part of the 4th Marine Expeditionary Brigade, and those assigned to meet force protection requirements.

Unless otherwise directed by Headquarters Marine Corps, all orders for Marines with a detach date of Feb. 15

and beyond will be held at their current command.

Marines in Recruit Training, or those training for their primary occupational specialty, will continue to execute orders until they arrive at a permanent command, and Marines with PCS orders to or from assignments at certain schools or special duties are to execute orders as published.

Marines in receipt of orders to joint duty, recruiter duty, drill instructor duty, Marine Security Guard or Marine Security Forces duty, all commissioning

programs, the Warrant Officer Basic Course, and duty at ROTC units, will execute their orders as published.

Marines with an EAS, EOC or ECC of Jan. 15 and later will be held in their current status. Retirements scheduled for April 1 or sooner will go as planned, and Marines scheduled to retire after that will have the option to request cancellation or delay.

Commanders still have the option to retain Marines past their retirement date,

See **STOP-LOSS**, A-8

Dolphin drama comes to tragic end

MCB Hawaii Public Affairs

Press Release

A four-month-old spotted dolphin stranded Christmas Day at Pokai Bay, Waianae, was finally put to rest Sunday after a weeklong fight with pneumonia at the Marine Mammal Research Rehabilitation Facility aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.

Her critical condition had elevated since Jan. 3, and by Sunday, she had become weak, disoriented and unresponsive, finally being unable to swim.

Veterinarians, biologists and volunteers offered all possible medical treatment and decided for humane considerations it was best to euthanize the dolphin.

The dolphin's condition began to go downhill in the evening on Dec. 29, and subsequently became critical. The dolphin appeared to be battling a case of severe pneumonia.

Veterinarians administered emergency care, including antibiotics to fight the infection associated with

the infection pneumonia.

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Cpl. Jessica M. Mills

Dr. Gregg Levine (left) and Dr. Christopher Dold, veterinarians and volunteers for National Marine Fishery Service, work together to feed the dolphin formula by inserting a straw into her stomach.

MCBH remembers Martin Luther King

Headquarters Marine Corps

Press Release

The 18th national observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday will be celebrated on Jan. 20th.

Established by Public Law 98-144 in 1986, Congress designated the third Monday in January a national holiday in the honor of King.

This year's theme is "Remember! Celebrate! Act! A day on, not a day off!"

We also commemorate King's efforts to improve the lives of the poor and Disadvantaged.

King created positive social change through non-violent means such as the Montgomery, Ala., bus boycott, sit-ins and the march on Washington. These significant events in history helped King in achieving his Dream of equal treatment for all people.

Our Corps prides itself in treating our Marines with dignity and respect. By doing so, we continue to succeed in our mission of making Marines, winning battles, and returning quality citizens to society.

Like Dr. King, the Marine Corps recognizes the

See **MLK**, A-7

MCBH NEWS BRIEFS

PET REGISTRATION CLINIC GOES TODAY & JAN. 25

The Kaneohe Veterinary Clinic Facility, Bldg. 455 (next to the Housing Office), will be running a “registration only” clinic today from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Jan. 25 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Marine Corps Base Hawaii will offer a 30-day amnesty period to register existing pets.

On both days, only vaccinations and microchips needed for registration will be performed. No sick pets will be seen.

Call the Kaneohe Veterinary Treatment Facility at 257-3643, or stop by and make an appointment for Jan. 25.

Bring your pets’ vaccination records and your military I.D., if you’ve never processed through the facility.

SHEARWATERS BEGIN FLEDGING

During the months of November through January, certain species of seabirds are fledging from their nest sites throughout the main and offshore Hawaiian islands.

Often during the hours of darkness, Wedgetail Shearwater Juveniles, upon leaving their nest, are sometimes disoriented by lights. You may find the birds on your porches or in your yards, work areas, and often on roadways after being struck by cars.

If you observe a shearwater — or any sea bird or birds that may be federally protected and disoriented or injured — call the Provost Marshal’s Office game warden at 257-1821 or 257-2123.

You may also contact Mr. Gordon Olayvar, MCB Hawaii’s biological science technician, at 257-6920, ext. 230.

NOISE PROHIBITED ON MOKAPU STRETCH

In consideration for the neighbors of MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, formations running near the back gate or on the trail around the Nu’upia Ponds are prohibited from chanting or making excessive noise.

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CG’s MAIL BOX

“This asphalt surface is subpar for a roller hockey program for many reasons.”



BRIG. GEN.
MCABEE

Submitted by Master Gunnery Sgt. L. B. Kelly III, Asst. Officer in Charge, NATEC

I would first like to say congratulations on a very successful football season that just finished. It was good to see commands, families and friends enjoying themselves and backing their teams.

Secondly, I would like to make you aware of a sports program that could use the same support. I am referring to the base-sponsored inline hockey teams and our current asphalt surfaced rink.

Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, currently has three youth inline hockey teams in three divisions (ages 6 to 14) that are part of the Oahu Inline Hockey League.

We also have five players (ages 15 - 17) on the Kailua Midget team (we don’t have enough players in that age group to form a K-Bay team, [for] a total of 42 youth players.

Last season, the K-Bay youth teams sent 15 players as all-stars to the USAHIL Regional Tournament on Maui, and they represented our hockey program with great pride.

There are currently over 45 adults that play every Monday. From those, we have two adult teams in the OIHL.

The adults are made up of active duty Marines and Sailors, married and single.

The problem is our rink surface, located next to the Subway/-Package Store, surrounded by yellow barriers with an asphalt surface. This asphalt surface is subpar for a roller hockey program for many reasons:

1. The puck bounces, skips and hops after it leaves the hockey stick, not allowing for the basic fundamentals required of hockey, [which is] a smooth, controlled pass between you and your teammate.

Development of individual and team skills are limited with the current rough asphalt surface.

2. Equipment breakdown. The asphalt surface rips, shreds and breaks down anything that comes in contact with it.

Replacement of roller wheels, stick blades and protective equipment is expensive. A player will replace his wheels and stick at a minimum of once a month.

Our season goes from August to May, 10 months. And, some players will go to the Regionals after that.

At \$36 for wheels (\$18 x 2), and \$12 for a stick at our Marine Corps Exchange, the continuous replacement costs to the players/families of the required equipment is outrageous.

The Hockey Equipment Lending Program (through the Youth Sports Program) lends players pads and helmets, but not equipment that the asphalt tears up.

Replacing the asphalt with Sport Court or polished concrete will negate these expenses.

3. Road rash. If you have ever fallen off a bike on asphalt, you know what it is like to fall on skates.

Road rash happens and we do our best to avoid it.

I currently have a player that has been down for three weeks, with at least another week to go, due to road rash.

Again, a smoother surface will prevent road rash.

I was told that there was a bid to purchase Sport Court, a surface



Staff Sgt. Robert Carlson

The rough and unforgiving skating surface at the inline skating rink aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, is scheduled to be replaced before the spring.

similar to Pearl Harbor’s, but the request sits on someone’s desk waiting for a signature.

I personally went to Ford Island looking for the dasher boards that used to be at Pearl Harbor. I missed them by two days; they were moved to Barbers Point.

At Barbers Point, the next week, I saw them sitting in a warehouse (a few of the boards were outside). I was not able to get an exact inventory, but I saw dasher boards, Plexiglas (safety glass above the boards) and a large game clock.

I was told that K-Bay could have them; Barbers Point just needed the correct paperwork from our people to sign them over.

That was two months ago.

We are the only base on the island that has a hockey program. AMR [Ahuimanu Military Reservation] and Pearl Harbor have rinks but no program. AMR will not allow us the use of their rink for practice.

K-Bay hosted games here last season, but the OIHL decided not to play here, this year, due to safety reasons with the surface.

So, every Saturday our teams travel to Hawaii Kai to play. Other OIHL teams are at a decided advantage because they developed their skills on a controlled surface. We fight and pray for a semi-good pass.

Gunnery Sgt. Howard Shappee was with our hockey program for seven years (he transferred in September), trying to get a better surface and program for our kids. He was told many times that it is coming.

My honest personal opinion is that someone in the chain of signatures is hoping the hockey program will go away.

It won’t.

Our rink is used five and sometimes six days a week from 4:30 p.m. to sunset. There are baseball, softball, soccer and football fields that are used for a fraction of what the hockey program uses its rink for.

Sir, this is a win-win situation.

MCAS [Marine Corps Air Station] New River has a new rink. It’s used for open skating, hockey, private parties, special events, enclosed soccer and teen dances. Great community activities.

The USAHIL Regional

Tournament is being held at the Hawaii Kai Rink this year. With the acquisition of a proper rink, there is a potential to hold that same tournament in the near future here.

We can get the boards from Barbers Point, at little or no cost, and put it on a smooth surface.

Why should it go to DRMO [the Defense Reutilization and Management Office] and then off island when there is a great need for them here?

“If you build it, they will come,” and enjoy.

Lastly, I encourage everyone from the base to come out to the Hawaii Kai rink the next two weekends and cheer on the K-Bay teams. They will be playing in the summer season tournament.

Give me a call if you would like to join.

Thank you for listening.

Master Gunnery Sgt. L. B. Kelly III

Master Gunnery Sgt. Kelly,

I have been asked by the commanding general to research and respond to your recent email since your recommendation falls under my staff responsibilities.

The commanding general appreciates that you have taken the time to participate in the “CG Mail” program.

First, let me applaud you and the other volunteers for the time and support you provide to the youth sports programs aboard MCB Hawaii. Specifically, we have one of the most successful hockey programs in the Oahu In-Line Hockey League, which is testimony to your efforts.

You are absolutely correct about our current in-line hockey surface. It is poor and needs to be replaced.

In fact, we will purchase an appropriate surface/coating immediately, with the goal of having it installed no later than this spring.

In addition, we have been in contact with MCAS New River and Iwakuni regarding the in-line hockey facilities you described.

We also agree that there is a need for a multiuse, in-line hockey rink aboard MCB Hawaii. The com-

See CG MAIL, A-3

3/3 puts new PT gear to the test

Cpl. Richard W. Holtgraver Jr.
Combat Correspondent

America's Battalion Kilo Co., 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment have been putting the new Marine Corps physical fitness uniform through its paces since Dec. 3.

More than 70 Marines from Kilo Co., will continue to exercise in the brown t-shirts and black shorts for the next couple of months before giving their opinion on its performance to Headquarters Marine Corps.

The new shorts are black with reflective material on the sides, and a gold-colored Marine Corps logo decal on the front of the left thigh.

For a PT shirt, it would seem that the Marine Corps is taking a small step back in time to the old brown t-shirts that

was phased out several years ago.

"The shirt is good because it's a little more loose, and breathes a little easier," said Cpl. Robert C. Pyle, a mortar section leader. "I'm not as satisfied with the shorts, because they're a little tight around the thighs."

Although some of the Marines had minor criticisms of the new uniform, a majority of the devil dogs welcomed the change of pace from the normal status quo.

"I like it," said Lance Cpl. Thomas D. Hagerman, rifleman. "The shirt dries quicker, and I find the shorts comfortable."

Despite the differences in opinion about the new PT uniform, almost all of the Marines suggested it was a good thing to change the current uniform so the Marines can stand out above the rest of the services.



Cpl. Jessica M. Mills

Lance Cpl. Ethan Caduff, a gunner with Assault Section, Kilo Co., 3/3, is readily seen in the early morning hours while wearing his new PT gear, which boasts reflective material on both sides.

COMMENTARY

‘What can little, old me possibly do?’

Navy Chaplain (Cmdr.) Jackson L. Harris II
3rd Marine Regiment

Most of us can remember back to a time when we were younger and how we wanted to do something that would make the world a better place.

I can remember lying in bed, staring up at the ceiling and fanaticizing about all the great and wonderful things I could do to make the world a happier and better place to live.

Most of those dreamed-up scenarios never came to pass. They failed to materialize, mainly because when I took a look around me at the problems that plagued the world, they seemed too big for what I had to offer.

I'm probably not alone. Many of us want to make a difference, but we often say to ourselves, "What can little, old me possibly do?"

The answer to that question is — a lot!

We should never underestimate the power of one. Need proof? Then I invite you to read this story from an anonymous author, about an unnamed celebrity.

"In the winter of 1990, I was asked to appear on a television talk show in Toronto, Ontario. At the end of our first day of taping, I was on my way back to my plush, high rise cable TV, 24-hour room service hotel, when I saw something I'd never seen before.

Lying on the sidewalk against a building in four inches of snow was a man sleeping with only a cardboard blanket to keep him from being completely exposed to the freezing cold.

What really broke my heart was

“None of us can do anything great on our own, but we can all do a small thing with great love.”

Mother Teresa

when I realized that he wore no shoes or socks.

I thought to stop and help him, but was not quite sure what to do.

As the traffic light turned green, it seemed life was demanding that I move along. So I did.

Back in the "anything I wanted was mine" environment of my hotel, I promptly forgot about the man on the street.

Several days later, prior to the morning taping, I was having coffee and a Danish roll in the green room at the station.

All of the "important" people had left the room, and it was just the janitor and I.

I had seen him quietly go about his business every day.

We never spoke, except when we exchanged, "Good morning," and when he would ask, "Can I get anything for you, sir?"

He always had a smile to give to everyone.

When I asked him how he was feeling today, he told me that he'd been having to ride his bike to work in the snow and that he'd been feeling rather sorry for himself. That is, until he saw a man sleeping down on the corner of Yonge Street and Bloor, with just a piece of cardboard for covering from the cold and no

shoes.

I almost choked on my Danish roll as I heard him go on to relate how he was so moved with compassion for the man that he went around the corner to a store and bought the man a pair of socks and shoes.

As I heard his story, I saw in my mind a poster that used to be in an old friend's bedroom when I was a teenager. It was a picture of a child handing someone a flower, and the caption read "The smallest deed always exceeds the grandest of intentions."

I stood there wishing I had been the one who had bought the shoes and socks for the man, when they called my name to come to the set.

As I got to the studio, they were just concluding an interview with a social worker who specialized in benevolence for eastern Ontario. The social worker relayed a story about Mother Teresa, who when asked once how she had accomplished such great things in her life responded, "None of us can do anything great on our own, but we can all do a small thing with great love."

When I went home that day, I looked for the man on the street.

He was gone, but I knew it wouldn't be long before someone took his place.

[Reminded of this story,] as we turn the corner on another year, I invite you to dream again about making the world a better place.

Your material resources and personal talents may be limited, but there is no telling how much we can do when we "do a small thing with great love." Pace e bene.

(Editor's Note: An Italian saying, "pace e bene" literally means peace and good, or may the peace and goodness of God be with you.)

CG MAIL, From A-2

manding general fully supports this requirement, and our goal is to begin planning a first-rate base facility later this year.

Unfortunately, the hockey equipment you referenced at Barber's Point does not belong to the Navy MWR [Morale, Welfare and Recreation] program. The equipment actually belongs to the contractor who previously operated the Pearl Harbor in-line hockey program.

Thus, we are unable to transfer the equipment to our account until the legalities can be worked out.

In the interim, we will pursue new equipment in order to achieve our goal.

Thank you for your continued support of the youth in-line hockey program and thank you again for taking the time to express your concerns via the CG Mail program.

Mr. Bill Lindsey
Assistant Chief of Staff
Marine Corps Community Services

(Editor's Note: Letters of any length may be trimmed and edited in the interest of good taste and brevity.)

The commanding general invites input from the base community via C.G. Mail on the following topics: What are we doing that we shouldn't be doing? What are we not doing that we should be doing? What are we doing that we should be doing better?

Responses should include a recommendation that will help solve the problem and must include your name and return address so that staff may respond.

For more information about how to send C.G. Mail, see the MCB Hawaii C.G. Mail page at www.mcbh.usmc.mil/command/cg-mail.htm.

WORD ON THE STREET

“What is your New Year’s resolution?”



"I want to quit smoking before next year's resolution is upon me."

Staff Sgt. Robinson Merchan

Inspector trainer, Base Comptroller



"...To hurry up and get promoted to corporal."

Lance Cpl. Beau Brenneis

Accounting technician, Base Comptroller



"...To achieve the brown belt in the Marine Corps Martial Arts Program."

Staff Sgt. Jorge Miranda

Personnel management chief, Base Personnel Administration Center



"I want to develop a higher level of proficiency in MCMAP and hopefully travel to Quantico and get certified as an instructor trainer in the program."

Sgt. Nivaldo Viera

Travel NCO, Base Disbursing



"...Same as last year, to quit dipping."

Cpl. Rodney Hopper

Pay deck NCO, Base Disbursing



Cpl. Richard W. Holtgraver Jr.

The Pacific War Memorial was dedicated and gifted to the Marine Corps March 16, to honor all who served in the Pacific theater of operations during World War II. This five-year project was the vision of Ms. Alice Clark and the rest of the Pacific War Memorial Foundation.



Photos by Sgt. Alexis R. Mulero

Above — Lance Cpl. Eric Chapman, a squad leader with Alpha Co., 1/3, makes his way through obstacles during training at Schofield Barracks, Oct. 18.
Below — The Modular Amphibious Egress Trainer provides some necessary underwater egress training for the Marines and Navy corpsmen of the Ground Combat Element.



Staff Sgt. Jesus A. Lora

The beautiful backdrop of North Beach sand dunes gave Golf Co., 2nd Bn., 3rd Marine Regiment, a spirit of energy, as it made its way to the end of the training evolution.



Cpl. Richard W. Holtgraver

Airman 1st Class Robert G. Butler (left), an explosive ordnance technician for the 15th Civil Engineer Squadron, and Staff Sgt. David A. Alexander, an explosive ordnance technician for MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, inspect pieces of ordnance before stacking them on a pile for destruction.



Cpl. Jessica M. Mills

Sergeants James S. Lock and Cynita Morales, both of the Base Personnel Administration Center, MCB Hawaii, represent present day United States Marines during the 2002 uniform pageant.

2002: The Year in Review

From A-1

Renovations at the Officers' and Enlisted Clubs reaffirmed timeless Marine Corps traditions that our clubs are special places where friendships are forged and real plans are made. 2003 promises improvements to the Staff NCO Club as well.

In spite of high operational tempos, Marines and Sailors from Headquarters Bn., MCB Hawaii, still found time to volunteer their time and services to worthy causes, supporting local causes like Adopt-a-School programs and litter clean-ups.

The Marine Forces Pacific Band continued "wowing" crowds both here in paradise and abroad as it performed in numerous local events and concerts, traveling to strange and exciting places like Guam, Tinian and New Orleans. The music enrichment program to local schools introduced many keiki to the joy of music.

BayFest 2002 rocked the Windward side with a return to the traditional fire works that are a hallmark of the event, and performances by popular musical artists Atomic Eyes, Trickside, Collective Soul and Hoku.

2002 brought great leaps forward to the quality of life and quality of service for all aboard MCB Hawaii. As plans are being finalized and ground broken for additional barracks, more housing, a new post office, a new base chapel and a new super playground, 2003 promises to be a year here in paradise.

Marine Forces Pacific

Marine Forces Pacific continued to focus on planning and providing forces for the war against terrorism in the U.S. Central Command and U.S. Pacific Command areas of responsibility, while supporting combatant exercises, training and other operational missions.

A Marine Central Command headquarters was established in Bahrain, to start off the year, and the Secretary of Defense designated the commander of MarforPac as Commander, Marine Forces Central.

Staff remained active at MarForPac although manning levels were decreased since the MarForCent headquarters began handling Operation Enduring Freedom from Bahrain.

Reservists called to active duty continued to augment MarForPac and MarForCent staffs for current and future operations against terrorism, as well as regularly scheduled exercises. As well, MarForPac continued to actively provide administrative, operational and logistical support to MarForPac fleet

units, stations and bases.

Marine Forces Pacific staff also focused its efforts on supporting Pacific and Central command operational plans and operations. The MarForPac Crisis Action Center and MarForCent Component Operations Center continued to function throughout Operation Enduring Freedom.

Key operations and exercises included Operation Enduring Freedom, Cobra Gold 02, Freedom Banner 02 and Ulchi Focus Lense.

First Radio Bn., one of MarForPac's units aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, also continued its high operational tempo and mission-ready support throughout 2002 with numerous detachments and platoons getting "down and dirty" around the globe.

The battalion supported each of the Marine Expeditionary Units in MarForPac by providing task organized Signal Intelligence Support Platoons trained and equipped to reinforce a wide range of Special Maritime Missions. It supported Pacific Impact, Balikatan, the Rim of the Pacific and Cobra Gold.

First Radio Bn. also received the 2001 National Security Agency Director's Trophy in 2002. The award is presented to the unit within the cryptologic architecture that makes a significant contribution to Signals Intelligence and whose support to the Marine Air Ground Task Force and the intelligence community is exceptional.

3rd Marine Regiment

Third Marine Expeditionary Force's ground combat element in Hawaii, 3rd Marine Regiment, continued to constantly train under conditions as close to combat as possible in 2002.

Comprised of three infantry battalions, one artillery battalion, a combat support company and the headquarters company, the Regiment also became an integral contributor to the war on terror with their participation in the Philippines.

Elements of the Regiment were sent to the South Pacific island nation to combat terrorism — part military assistance and part humanitarian assistance — and prevent the island nation from becoming a haven for al Qaeda members.

The number of training exercises for the Regiment and its elements stretched from the islands of Hawaii all the way to the Western Pacific.

From the Rim of the Pacific Exercise in Hawaii in July to Cooperation Readiness Afloat Training in the Western Pacific, the Regiment projected its warfighting capabilities throughout the year and demonstrated combat readiness.



Cpl. Jason E. Miller

Private First Class Christopher Cox, a motor transport operator with Charlie Battery, 1/12, quickly runs through an assembly drill at K-Bay's Range Training Facility.

The Regiment also demonstrated its commitment to the community's efforts to keep the beaches of Hawaii clean. Its commitment to the welfare of the local community was also demonstrated through efforts in assisting in projects affecting local schools, where Marines and Sailors served as role models mentoring students in the various elementary schools on education and fitness.

1/3

The Lava Dogs of 1st Bn., 3rd Marine Regiment, hit the ground running when they returned mid-February from their seven-month deployment to Okinawa and around the Pacific as part the Unit Deployment Program.

With some Marines participating in the Competition in Arms program, and others competing in the III MEF sniper competition, the Lava Dogs kept a high operational tempo throughout the year, balancing the need to provide security detachments in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in the Philippines, while conducting capabilities demonstrations and cross training exercises here in Hawaii.

2/3

The Island Warriors of 2nd Bn., 3rd Marines, also spent time in the Philippines supporting Operation Enduring Freedom on Basilan Island, providing security for the Naval Construction Task Group there in the spring.

Petty Officer 1st Class Mark W. Goldschmidt, a 2/3 corpsman, was recognized as the 2002 Marine Forces Pacific (Sea) Senior Sailor of the Year in May, and a 2/3 squad won top honors at the 3rd Marine Division Super Squad competition.

3/3

Third Bn., 3rd Marine Regiment, deployed in February to Okinawa, Japan, and participated in ground combat element exercises in Guam and Tinian.

Other exercises included Balikatan in the Philippines, Korean Intergraded Training Program in Korea, and



Sgt. Jason Elson

Fourth Force Reconnaissance Marines were able to freefall from an altitude of 10,000 ft. They try to perform this type of insert operation at least once a month.



Sgt. Alexis R. Mulero

Marines from CSSG-3 hose off contaminated vehicles during a decontamination exercise, Dec. 10. This evolution provided the group and other units involved with the opportunity to enhance their NBC skills for a real world situation.



Lance Cpl. Monroe F. Seigle

Lance Cpl. Luis A. Palma, a rifleman with Alpha Co., 1/3, runs over log obstacles during Bayonet Assault Course training at Schofield Barracks, Oct. 18.

tuted the six-month, Unit Deployment Program to Marine Corps Air Station, Iwakuni, Japan — the first such rotations to take place in more than five years.

The squadrons of CH-53Ds served in forward deployed areas and participated in a variety of training and exercises around the Pacific Rim that included visits to Japan, Thailand, Singapore, the Philippines and Korea.

At home in Hawaii, the MAG continued to provide superior air support for infantry Marines of the 3rd Marine Regiment such as short deployments to the Pohakuloa Training Area on the Big Island and numerous insertions and extractions around Oahu and neighboring islands.

The Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron for MAG-24 broke new ground during the year as the first, fully integrated Marine and Navy support squadron — a preview of future Navy and Marine Corps aviation unit integration efforts worldwide.

The MAG's command element even stepped up training in 2002 when the unit deployed to Thailand to participate as the aviation combat element for the MAGTF during exercise Cobra Gold.

The last remaining aircraft group in the Marine Corps to be totally equipped with the CH-53D Sea Stallion helicopter, MAG-24 still showed the strategic importance of the aging aircraft with crucial support at home and abroad.

"We're proving once again that we're a very capable platform and that we can handle worldwide missions when it really comes time to act," said Col. Gregory Reuss, commanding officer.

"We certainly have a very talented and competent group of Marines and Sailors that keep things running smoothly here.

"We continue to practice and forge ahead in our everyday training, and that reflects in our performance when it is time to do our job," Reuss explained.

The MAG thrived on the many challenges it faced throughout the year and met all its required training objectives.

"We're alive and well," added Reuss. "We're doing great things and moving forward everyday."

Cooperation Afloat and Readiness.

Normal deployments to Camp Fuji, Malaysia, and Jungle Warfare Training Center were all conducted in Okinawa, Japan.

America's Battalion returned to Hawaii in September, and started preparing for its next deployment almost immediately. A month after returning, 3/3 was training to handle any mission it may be faced with, and was also helping the community with coastal cleanups and projects at local schools.

The battalion started preparing for the Super Squad competition in December, with a squad-a-thon, which helped narrow the field of competitors in the battalion.

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1st Bn., 12th Marine Regiment, participated in nearly every major exercise the 3rd Marine Regiment battalions conducted, including the Rim of Pacific Exercise in July. The Regiment conducted live-fire exercises providing direct support for various units, and traveled to Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, 29 Palms, Calif., in May for a desert fire exercise.

In September, the Marines and Sailors from Bravo Battery, 1/12, returned to Hawaii from a seven-month deployment to Okinawa and throughout the Pacific region. Charlie Battery replaced Bravo as the forward deployed artillery unit from Hawaii.

CSC

Throughout the year, Combat Support Company provided mechanized support to elements of 3rd Marine Regiment. From beach assaults to mechanized assaults, CSC continued to offer warfighters of the regiment another tool in their toolbox for combat readiness.

The company also continued to provide valuable contributions to MCB Hawaii's environmental program in the Nu'upia Ponds Wildlife Management Area, where amphibious assault vehicles trudged up invasive plants in the ponds in an effort to create a better nesting habitat for several endangered birds.

Combat Service Support Group 3

In 2002, Combat Service Support Group 3 remained at the forefront of support groups throughout the Marine Corps. Whether through changes in personnel or equipment, CSSG-3 continued to evolve to suit the needs and challenges of combat support.

In March, most of the Marines in the group deployed to the field at Marine Corps Training Area Bellows. They practiced small unit tactics and applied knowledge to better learn their jobs while training in a field environment.

Also during the year, Col. Stephen Adams relinquished his command of the support group to Col. James Harbison.

Early on in the year, CSSG-3's Motor Transportation Company began receiving brand new OshKosh 7-ton trucks. These new vehicles came as an upgrade to the company's older 5-ton models and feature a variety of upgrades to help expedite the missions of CSSG-3.

Numerous deployments throughout the year sent smaller units from CSSG-3 to training events around the Hawaiian Islands and across the globe.

Combat Service Support Group 3 participated in a number of large exercises throughout the year including the Hawaii Combined Arms Exercise and the Rim of the Pacific Exercise 2002.

With all of the added training and mechanical advances, CSSG-3 continues to move ahead into the future.

Marine Aircraft Group 24

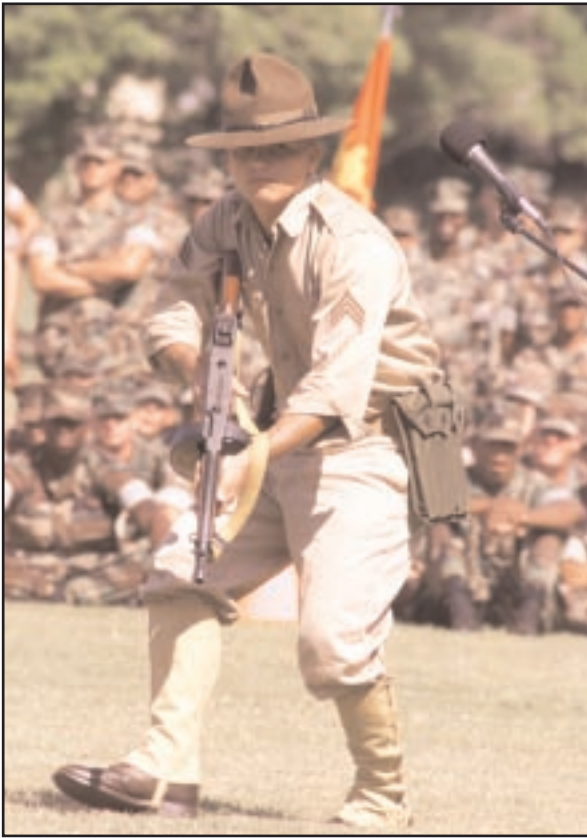
2002 saw the Marines and Sailors who support and fly MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay's CH-53D Sea Stallion helicopters working under a new designation; Marine Aircraft Group 24, but the battle-proven aircraft and the dedicated service members who keep them flying every day continued on their path of building a legacy as efficient warfighters.

There were many changes and several firsts for the Marines and Sailors of MAG-24. Most notably, MAG-24 reinsti-



Staff Sgt. Jesus A. Lora

Above — Marines from Kilo Co., 3rd Bn., 3rd Marine Regiment try and work as a team while attempting 10 squad push-ups, during their squad-a-thon Dec. 5 at the MCB Hawaii Range Facility. Right — Private First Class Clayton Peterson, a company clerk for the Military Police, moves quietly forward in a motivating performance of a Banana Wars Marine during the 2002 uniform pageant.



Cpl. Jessica M. Mills

===== EVERY CLIME AND PLACE =====

Flying Nightmares rock Afghan skies

Gunnery Sgt. Shannon Arledge
Marine Forces Central Command

BAGRAM, Afghanistan — The first land-based Harriers squadron serving in direct support of the War on Terrorism arrived in Bagram, Afghanistan, in early October 2002

More than 150 Marines with Marine Attack Squadron 513, from Yuma, Ariz., and an undisclosed number of AV-8B Harrier aircraft, deployed to the region in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

The Harriers provide close-air support, armed escort for other aircraft and vehicle convoys, and air cover during helicopter insertions and extractions.

"Over the course of our first three months our enemy has gained a new appreciation for Marine and other aviation elements," said Lt. Col. Jim A. Dixon, commanding officer. "Although we would all like to drop a great deal of ordnance, we have come to understand that the mere presence of U.S. airpower is sometimes sufficient to keep the enemy at bay.

"Just knowing the noise of our jets keeps soldiers safe, and the [Taliban and al Qaeda] on the run, has made the trip all worthwhile."

The air base is located about 5,000 feet above sea level and temperatures dip into the low teens in the evening.

The Marines had to adjust to a higher altitude and colder temperatures, but the Harrier aircraft has logged in excess of

1,000 flight hours.

"The jets are running great," said Staff Sgt. Sean E. Sayegh, staff noncommissioned officer-in-charge of aviation life support systems. "Aside from routine maintenance, they are running safely and effectively."

Also known as the Flying Nightmares, the squadron brings relatively new technology to the global war. They are the first to introduce the Litening II Targetting Pod to the fight.

This targeting system offers pilots the ability to 'see into the night' with infrared imaging. It also gives them the ability to use precision-guided weapons, marking points on the ground [for ground forces] with laser-guided beams.

"This precision capability to spot targets, and self designate weapons has put us in high demand," said Dixon. "Coalition and sister service forces often request the 'Litening Pod' which provides an accurate means to locate and identify enemy positions.

"We have dropped several laser guided bombs and all were direct hits. Other ordnance expended included five-inch rockets."

The Harrier also has a quick response time to the target, often reaching them in less than ten minutes, Dixon explained.

The Marines of VMA-513 work hard at keeping the planes in the air, and each of them gains more experience with each passing day. For many of them, this is their first deployment. They're finding that serving in a combat environment



Gunnery Sgt. Shannon Arledge

At dusk, Harriers are parked on the airfield poised and ready. The Marines of Marine Attack Squadron 513 have flown in excess of 1,000 mishap-free flight hours since the deployment began.

can be stressful.

"The Marines' spirits are up and they are looking forward to each day," said Master Sgt. Patrick L. VanDynHoven, maintenance chief from Combined Locks, Wis.

Corporal Christopher P. Duffy, 23, who calls St. Louis, Mo., home, extended his active-duty contract for this deployment.

"A few times we have lent charitable support to local families who really need the help. It feels great personally.

"This is dangerous duty," said Duffy. "We always have to stay on our toes, but

serving my country here is an honor."

Just over a year ago, the Taliban and al Qaeda roamed freely in the area. It wasn't until the combined efforts of coalition forces rooted them from their homes that they were forced to flee. Some were captured, some killed.

The Nightmares of VMA-513 live up to their name, and continue to streak the skies over Afghanistan. Where there was no peace in the land, the Marines have given something back to the people who call it home — something called the sound of freedom.



Cpl. Jessica M. Mills

The dolphin was unable to swim by Sunday, due to the pneumonia. Volunteers assisted her.

RESCUE, From A-1

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA Fisheries) spotted the animal close to shore in the early morning hours of Christmas day. They monitored her throughout the day, finally determining her inability to survive on her own.

They placed the calf in a holding pool at Waterfront Operations aboard K-Bay, and gave her round-the-clock care administered by staff and volunteers of the National

Marine Fishery Service and NOAA.

The calf was fed a nutrient-enriched formula called Zoologic (a milk-replacement solution) manually through a tube that was passed into the calf's stomach.

Dr. Gregg Levine, a veterinarian and volunteer for NMFS, said volunteers took six hour shifts throughout the day and night, monitoring her vitals, swim pattern and respirations.

"Most of these stranded animals do not survive; it depends on their age and disposition. But that does

not mean we don't still try," said Marlene Breese, a research specialist for the University of Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology.

Veterinarians will conduct investigations to learn more about the dolphin's illness.

The Christmas day rescue of the dolphin was made possible through the tremendous collaborating efforts of government agencies and volunteers.

The science and relationships derived from this cooperation will help further benefit dolphin studies.

Fourth Force Reconnaissance flies through 2002

Sgt. Alexis R. Mulero
Combat Correspondent

Maintaining the high standards of Marine reservists nationwide and always mission ready whenever called upon, the warriors from 4th Force Reconnaissance Co. engaged and accomplished all goals set forth throughout the year.

The company sharpened and maintained its Marines’ reconnaissance skills while training, accomplished essential missions during evolutions and displayed its warmth and concern for needy children in the community through the Marine Corps Toys for Tots Program.

The company conducted 46 airborne operations during the year, and many of those jumps were accomplished while enhancing its aerial insert skills during a three-week training evolution in Reno, Nev., and during bilateral training in Thailand.

Additionally, the company conducted eight separate diving operations within the company and another five diving operations training with and supporting Marine Expeditionary Unit force reconnaissance Platoons and Expeditionary Warfare Training Group-Pacific Basic Reconnaissance Course instructors totaling more than 300 sub-surface man-hours of training. The extensive training is necessary to keep Marines qualified for diving operations and also for them to maintain familiarization with the equipment.

During 2002, the 4th Force Reconnaissance warriors participated in a myriad of multination training evolutions including Operation Cobra Gold in Thailand and the Rim of the Pacific exercise that evolved throughout the Hawaiian Islands during July.

Furthermore, a new paraloft was ceremonially opened Nov. 4 by Brig. Gen. Jerry C. McAbee, commanding general of MCB Hawaii, and provides Marines with such basic functions as adequate storage space, equipment security, and a central area for parachute

MLK, From A-1

value of treating everyone as a vital member of the team. In the words of Gen. James L. Jones, our 32nd Commandant, "I want all Marines to understand the importance of treating each other with respect and fairness.

“An environment of fairness for all Marines is crucial to building a winning war fighting team."

The general’s words embody the vision of Dr. King and set the standard for how all are to treat one another.

This observance holiday, take time on this holiday to reflect on the man who dedicated his life in the search of equality for all people.



Sgt. Alexis R. Mulero

Major Mark House, Inspector-Instructor with the company, jumped with all his gear from an altitude of 10,000 ft. above ground level during airborne operations at Drop Zone Lightning aboard Schofield Barracks.

riggers from different units to work together on unfamiliar equipment.

The company continued expanding its relationship with local schools and organizations during the year. Members of the company supported JROTC adventure training for local high schools, vol-



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Staff Sgt. Ruben Villarreal, a maintenance management officer with 4th Force Reconnaissance, measures the wind velocity and then relays the information to the pilots who are dropping the Reconnaissance Marines.

unteered support for the Honolulu Marathon, worked with the University of Hawaii's mammal research, and trained with the Honolulu Police Department in weapons handling.

To close out the year, the company collected more than 65,255 new and unwrapped toys during October, November and December, which were distributed as Christmas gifts via the local Salvation Army office to needy children throughout the Hawaiian Islands.

"The Marines and Sailors of 4th Force Reconnaissance Company are fine examples of ‘Citizen Marines’ dedicating countless hours to perfect their skills in very limited training windows," said Maj. Mark House, inspector-instructor, 4th Force Reconnaissance. "Their dedication and can-do attitude allowed this company to accomplish every task and mission assigned, and I have no doubt they will have continued success in this coming year."



Profile

Lance Cpl. Kristopher E. Grander

Name: Kristopher E. Grander

Rank: Lance Corporal

MOS: 7051/ Crash Fire Rescue

Unit: Marine Aircraft Fire Rescue

DOB: Jan. 29, 1982

Age: 20

Hometown: Monroe, Missouri

Date enlisted: Aug. 22, 2000

Your favorite job in the Marine Corps: Rescue Men

Why did you decide to join the Marine Corps? I flipped a quarter — either college or the Marine Corps. I lost the toss.

What do you love most about being a Marine? The people I meet and the pride.

What do you love most about your MOS? I don't have to hump anywhere, and the action

my MOS gives me is great.

What do you love most about your unit? Our Marine Corps Air Facility Sports Day.

What was your first car, year, make, model and was there any thing special about it? A 1989 Mercury Topaz, it has a Canadian flag hanging from the rear view mirror.

What is your favorite military book? *Marine Sniper* by Charles Henderson, E.J. Land.

What is your favorite movie? “Forrest Gump”

What is your favorite port call? Hawaii, because of the climate, and the beaches are perfect.

What is your proudest military moment? I met the commandant last year on base.

What is your proudest moment in life? When I graduated boot camp at MCRD San Diego.

What is your most embarrassing moment? My mom pulled me out of my school cafeteria in front of all my friends.

What is your favorite rank? Sergeant Major

If you could change time, what would you change and why? I would go back to Sept. 11, 2001, and have all the passengers take control of the planes and save all the innocent lives lost.

Who has been your mentor growing up? My mom. She's put up with me growing up.

If you could be stationed anywhere the Marine Corps has to offer, where would you go? Anywhere outside of CONUS: overseas.

What are your goals in the Marine Corps? To get promoted

What is your life's creed? To enjoy life while you can; It's too short not to.



Staff Sgt. Jesus A. Lora

GRANDER

STOP-LOSS: SecNav approves policy

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and will continue to process retirement requests.

The MARADMIN does not authorize commanders to recall personnel on terminal leave, but reminds Marines that permissive temporary additional duty and terminal leave are not entitlements. Final decision is subject to the commander's discretion.

Since PCS orders for most Marines transferring are also on hold, commanders will need to consider the manpower requirements of the unit.

The current intent, according to the MARADMIN, is to keep all personnel for 12 months past their EAS, ECC or EOS.

